

Further consolidation of news media is a horrible idea. For democracy to function, the people must be given accurate and impartial information upon which to make their decisions. When a very small group of individuals control access to information, it is phenomenally easy for demagogues to take control of a country and rule it with lies.

The proposal to permit merging TV stations and newspapers in the same area would definitely result in shrinking the number of independent news sources available for citizens. It is necessary for the functioning of democracy that this not take place.

As a result I would urge you to reverse this decision. Prevent this kind of consolidation of voices -- our nation is built upon diversity of opinion.